



THE CUTTING EDGE

Ozarks Mountain Woodcarvers

<http://www.ozarkmtnwoodcarvers.com/>

OFFICERS		MONTHLY METINGS	MEMBERSHIP DUES
President	Gerald Gerhart	We meet the first Thursday evening of the month at 7pm at the Senior Center in Kimberling City, MO.	Membership dues are \$15 for an individual and \$18 for a family. Dues are due in August.
Vice President	Stew Blain		
Secretary	Susan Spoley	<i>(If Reeds Spring schools close due to weather, we do not have meetings.)</i>	Send dues to Sue Spoley 940 Alyeska Point Rd. Lampe, MO 65681
Treasurer	Stew Blain		
Class Coordinator	OPEN		
Librarian	Bob Ryder		
Membership	OPEN		

MINUTES OF LAST 2 MEETINGS

July & August, 2014

Sorry for I didn't get a newsletter out in July – unfortunately I had computer problems. But they are fixed now. At our July meeting we voted on and accepted the new slate of officers. Gerald Gerhart, the new president, conducted the meeting. There were 9 members in attendance. Gerry was not able to make the August meeting so Stew Blain conducted the meeting. There were 13 members in attendance. The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved. Stew reported that we have \$1020 in our account and that he has received dues that have not yet been deposited. We have changed our account to Table Rock Community Bank. Both Sue and Stew can write checks on the account. The website name has been paid for the next 2 years and we have a new stamp with the correct information on it. The bank took care of registering our club with the state and sent us a thank you letter for doing business at their bank. There was a lot of discussion at both meetings about how to get new members – a lot of the ideas are in the rest of the newsletter. If you have any other thoughts and can't make it to a meeting please let me know and I will share them with the group.

DUES ARE DUE – IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YET PLEASE SEND THEM TO SUE SPOLEY OR GIVE THEM TO STEW BLAIN.

Please **read the rest** of the newsletter to get the details of what was discussed during the meeting – I am not repeating the information here. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS

New officers were elected for this year. The term of office is from Aug 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015. Due to the shrinking size of the club it was decided to combine the Vice President and Treasurer positions. If anyone wants to do class coordination or membership please let any of the officers know. Your new officers are:

President: Gerald Gerhart
VP/Treasurer: Stew Blain
Secretary: Sue Spoley



Stew Blain, Sue Spoley, Geri Gerhart

Refreshments

Thanks to Jane Carr for the still warm from the oven cake she brought to the meeting. The schedule for refreshments is as follows:

Sept: Stew & Barb Blain
Oct: Denny & Eileen Villwok
Nov: Sue Spoley
Dec: **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Ozark Empire Fair

Denny and Stew had entries in the fair and both got ribbons – Congratulations. They went down to the fair to carve along with Jerry, Dave and Geri.

Stone County Gazette

In an effort to make the public more aware of our club Geri submitted an article to the Stone County Gazette that provided information about our 11:30 carving sessions on Tuesdays at the Kimberling Area Senior Center. The article was published on 7-24-14. A copy of the article is in our archives. It was recommended that we submit an article about the election of new officers.

Radio Spots

Denny has notified the local radio stations about the Tuesday carving sessions at the Senior Center. They are announcing the sessions as a part of their public service announcements. We need to get onto their calendars as well.



Welcome to New Member – Hugh Avant



Don Carr

**Learning on Wed –
NOV 19
10:30 – 11:30
Kimberling Area
Library**

The Kimberling Area Library has a monthly “Learning on Wednesday” program that covers a variety of topics. In November we will be doing a program on woodcarving. Geri is going to meet with Catherine to firm up the details. The library will do all of the set up and advertise the session – we need to come up with the program. The current plan is to demonstrate what we can do for new comers to carving, discussing wood, showing blanks, showing finished carvings, what you need to get started, etc. There will be more to come on the actual agenda.

ALL members in the area should plan on attending to show support for the club. Wear your hat, your pins, your t-shirts. We need to advertise ourselves



Sharon, Eileen and Barb



Fred



Spence & Jane

A Thorn Between The Roses

<p>Other Club Expansion Ideas</p>	<p>The following ideas were discussed, but need to be explored further:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join the Carvers at the Senior Center in Shell Knob • Boy Scout merit badge • Ornament class • High school art teachers • Church bulletin boards • Carving magazines • Restart member led classes
<p>Teaching New Carvers</p>	<p>We did an inventory and cleaned up our storage unit. We do still have 2 sets of tools for new carvers to use at the Senior Center. It was recommended that when new carvers come in that they get 1-on-1 instruction with a designated teacher. Having multiple people with multiple styles teaching them in the beginning can be confusing.</p>
<p>Website</p>	<p>The Website needs revamping and we would like to find a local resource to manage the website for us. If you know of anyone – please contact Geri, Sue, or Stew!</p> <p>Glenna’s nephew had been taking care of the website for us. We have lost his contact information. Sharon is going to call Glenna to find out how to get in touch with him.</p>
<p>Upcoming Carving Events</p>	<p>Oct 20 – 24: Fall Rendezvous II Woodcarving Seminar. For more information and registration forms check their website: www.woodcarvingrendezvous.com</p>
<p>Illness</p>	<p>Stew reported that past president Jim Spizewski has been in the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers. We don’t have a current address for Jim – Stew is going to try and find out how to get in touch with him. If you know how to reach him please let the rest of us know.</p>



The “Prez”



The colorful duo – Bob & Mary

New Member Package

Stew is going to create a new updated membership application form. We have put together a set of club paraphernalia to give new members that includes a hat, pin, patch and magnet. We would also like to include a membership roster. I will be sending one to those of you on email when it is updated. We will have copies at the Senior Center for those of you that don't have email. If you need me to send you a copy please let me know.

July/Aug Birthdays



Happy Birthday to:

Jane Carr	July 23
Sue Spoley	July 25
Sharon Albert	Aug 3

Show & Tell

Denny presented an eagle relief carving in July and a face relief carving in August – his carved face was finished with oil paint over a Danish oil finish. In August Stew presented a Swedish Milk Bowl from a 15th/16th century design carved from black birch. He also showed his dogwood spoon finished with shellac and tongue oil.



Denny and His Lady



Denny and His Eagle



Stew with His Bowl and Spoon